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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the
3 members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to
4 congratulate Marjorie Mae Dutton Perry on the occasion of her
5 100th birthday; and

6 WHEREAS, The first child of Ralpheal and Virginia Dutton,
7 was born on November 10, 1908 in Patterson, Louisiana; her
8 father, Ralpheal, worked in the saw mill in Patterson and later
9 the sugar mill in Franklin, Louisiana; her mother, Virginia,
10 was a housewife who took care of Marjorie, her sister, and four
11 brothers; and

12 WHEREAS, The Dutton home was one of love, togetherness, and
13 prayer; as a family, her father insisted that the family sit
14 down to supper together after he got home from work; they had a
15 long wooden table that would seat the whole family; the family
16 also prayed together every night before they went to bed; the
17 Dutton family always attended Sunday School, and Marjorie Mae
18 was smart even then; as a very young child, she memorized the
19 23rd Psalm; her father was so proud of her that he would have
20 her recite it often for everyone who came to visit; and

21 WHEREAS, Marjorie Mae attended Dunbar and Bruce Elementary
22 School in Huston, Texas; she then moved back to Louisiana to

1 attend New Orleans University; while majoring in English
2 Literature at New Orleans University she wrote a poem entitled,
3 "Africa, My Native Country"; her poem won second prize in the
4 English Literature Contest; and

5 WHEREAS, While the Dutton children were growing up, the
6 girls would play cooking and the boys would play ball, and
7 shoot marbles to entertain themselves; they didn't have video
8 games, television, or computers; later, as a young woman,
9 Marjorie Mae Dutton met Forrest Perry and they were married in
10 1927; to this union, three children were born, Raymond T.
11 Perry, Forrest Mae Perry, and LaRone T. Perry; and

12 WHEREAS, Marjorie Mae, like her mother before her, did not
13 work outside the home; she chose instead to guide her children
14 in Christian ethics; she taught them to obey adults, respect
15 their elders, and pray every day; she has always let her light
16 shine; after accepting Christ and being baptized at the age of
17 nine, she has continued her Christian journey throughout her
18 life; and

19 WHEREAS, As one of the original members of Mt. Ararat
20 Missionary Baptist Church she was an invaluable asset over the
21 years; she was Sunday School teacher of the Beginners Class for
22 over thirty years; she served as President of the Mission
23 Society at Mt. Ararat and 2nd Vice President of the Missionary

1 Society with the Independent Missionary Baptist Association of
2 Texas; in later years she also served as the Coordinator of the
3 Mission, overseeing the Senior Mission, the Junior Mission, and
4 the Youth Auxiliaries; she also sang in the Senior Choir as a
5 soprano until 1990; and

6 WHEREAS, Forrest and Marjorie Perry often traveled by car
7 during segregation; when they went north to Chicago they were
8 able to eat in the restaurants, but when they traveled in the
9 South they were turned away from most restaurants and were also
10 denied lodging at motels; there were times when they had to
11 sleep in their car, even after segregation they would sit in
12 restaurants for a long time and still not be served; although
13 Marjorie Mae Dutton Perry was not involved in the civil rights
14 movement, she did her part by encouraging others to vote and by
15 being a precinct worker at the polls; and

16 WHEREAS, She was a loving and dedicated wife to Forrest
17 Perry for 53 years when he left to be with his Heavenly Father;
18 she has six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one
19 great-great-grandchild; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate Marjorie Mae Dutton Perry on this momentous
23 occasion and wish her the best for years to come; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Marjorie Mae Dutton Perry as a symbol of our
4 respect and esteem.